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SUBJECT: U.S. SEIZURE OF F/V KALMAR: POLISH REACTION

DELIVER TO OES - DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CLINGAN
AND WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN AT OOB MAY 20

REF: STATE 115986

1. FOLLOWING HIS PRESENTATION (SEPTTEL) ON THE US-POLISH FISHERIES TALKS, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE KALMAR COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED AT A WORSE TIME, FROM THE POLISH POINT OF VIEW, SINCE IT THREATENED TO CAST A SHADOW OVER THE US-POLISH FISHERIES TALKS WHICH WERE TO OPEN TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDERSTOOD THE MASTER OF THE KALMAR CONTENDED THAT HIS VESSEL WAS 12.5 MILES FROM SHORE AT THE TIME IT WAS APPREHENDED, WHEREAS THE COAST GUARD CONTENDED
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IT WAS 10.8 MILES OFF SHORE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS

WOULD BE ADJUDICATE BY THE COURT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

3. SPASOWSKI SAID: "IF IT SHOULD TURN OUT THAT THE MASTER VIOLATED YOUR CONTIGUOUS ZONE, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP REGRETS."

4. DIRECTOR OF MFA DEPARTMENT III JAN KINAST, WHO WAS PRESENT, SAID THAT HE WAS IN THE US MAY 17 AND HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY THE "IMMEDIATE AND PERSISTENT" PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE ARREST OF THE KALMAR. HE WAS AFRAID THAT THIS PUBLICITY MIGHT OVERSHADOW THE FISHERIES TALKS.

5. SPASOWSKI AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS CHAGRIN THAT THE INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED AT ALL AND PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME. IN AN ASIDE, KINAST ADDED RATHER SOURLY THAT SOMETIMES THE CAPTAINS OF THESE TRAWLERS WERE SO INTENT ON ACHIEVING THEIR CATCHES THAT THEY FAILED TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE THEY WERE.

6. I SAID THAT THE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WERE PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO PUT THE KALMAR INCIDENT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND NOT PERMIT IT UNDULY TO INFLUENCE THEIR ATTITUDES IN OUR TALKS.

7 COMMENT: THE MASTER OF THE KALMAR HAS DOUBLE TROUBLE. END COMMENT.

8. THE POLISH PRESS MAY 20 CARRIES A BRIEF POLISH PRESS AGENCY STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON: "THE POLISH FISHING VESSEL KALMAR, FISHING IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN IN THE LATITUDE OF CALIFORNIA, WAS ARRESTED ON MAY 17 BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE VICINITY OF AMERICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, ON A CHARGE OF VIOLATING THEM. THE VESSEL TOGETHER WITH ITS CREW IS NOW IN THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COAST GUARD HAS DECLARED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVIDENCE IN THE CASE WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COMPETENT US AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN REGULATIONS, THE BOUNDARY OF THE ZONE OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IS 12 MILES FROM SHORE."
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